

# News Review

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## Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

## Despite Doubled Renovation Costs Center Mall Work Will Begin

by Diane Oberg

The first phase of the renovation of the Roosevelt Center mall is now estimated to cost more than double the amount budgeted by the Greenbelt City Council. Nonetheless, the work is scheduled to be done this spring, using money from the capital projects fund. Those funds were already allocated to other projects but are not expected to be spent during this fiscal year. However, these funds will have to be replaced if other projects are not deferred.

The higher than expected costs are partially due to work which council has added to the project. These include restoration of the Mother and Child statue, installation of security cameras and restoration of the theater marquee.

Landscape Architect Sharon Bradley-Papp has also proposed a second, more controversial, phase of the renovation project involving the area to the rear of the center mall. Council has not yet approved this proposal, which would include relocating the stairway to the lower parking lot.

## Costs

Even without the additional items added by council, the cost of the renovation project is now estimated at over \$205,000, plus nearly \$24,000 in professional fees (design, coordination and permit processing) and nearly \$23,000 for benches, tables and other site furnishings. Council had earmarked \$150,000 for the project in last year's capital improvements budget. The other items include the security system, added in response to concerns

about crime in the center, and projected to cost \$21,000; renovation of the statue, \$63,000; and replacement of the theater marquee and attraction box, \$19,000. This brings the total cost to \$355,000.

## Cost Reductions

At a February 1 worksession, council and city staff met to consider ways to reduce project costs. Councilmember Alan Turnbull, who was out of town, provided written comments to his col-

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leagues.

Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze had identified several options for reducing or offsetting costs. Three met with general approval — having Public Works Department staff do both demolition and landscaping work, and redesigning the underground drain system to use less pipe. These changes will cut costs by roughly \$26,000. Suggestions to change construction materials or defer the purchase of furnishings met with little support.

## Telephones?

Turnbull asked that pay phones be returned to the Center, or at least that the wiring be installed for future use. Previously phones were available in the Center. Following concerns, however, that illegal drug activity was being conducted on these phones, they had first been al-

tered so that they could not receive calls, then removed altogether. Currently, there is a pay phone in the Co-op Supermarket (which closes at 9 p.m. most nights), at the pool (which closes at 10) and outside the Mobil gas station (available 24 hours). White said he was not interested in returning pay phones to the center. Councilmember Edward Putens also questioned the need for phones.

Eileen Peterson argued that pay phones are needed. Presently, there are few options at night for people with medical or car trouble, youths who need to call their parents, or people who have missed the last bus. She said people frequently ask to use the phone in the store where she works. Roberts said he would support adding a phone in the center if Mobil ever got rid of its outside pay phone. Putens noted that the planned security cameras may lessen the likelihood that a pay phone would be used for illegal activities but said he was still concerned about a location for such a phone. (The area where the phones were previously located cannot be used as it will be torn up and planted with trees.) Davis agreed with the proposal to have Bradley-Papp examine the need for and possible location of a pay phone but noted that there did not seem to be "a strong push" to put phones back in the center.

## Funding

The city will apply for grants and state funds to help fund the marquee replacement and statue

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## Cable TV Issues Dominate The City Council Meeting

by James Giese

Preliminary actions to approve a new franchise agreement and a new cable owner were the main actions taken at the February 8 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. However, it was over an hour before a public hearing on the change in ownership, the first item on the agenda, took place due to an owner's representative having to be at four different municipal council meetings in one evening. In the interim, the council received presentations, heard petitions and performed minor housekeeping chores.

The majority interest in Jones Communications, the cable company that holds franchises with the city and both the northern and southern portions of the county, has been acquired by Comcast Corporation. Jones Communications will continue to run the cable service here under its name as a subsidiary of Comcast and Comcast will be calling the shots as needed. Un-

der the franchise agreement, the city must be notified and approve any changes in ownership after holding a public hearing.

Also on the agenda were two ordinances and a resolution relating to cable service regulation, the change in ownership and approval of a new franchise agreement. All were for introduction and first reading at the meeting with adoption scheduled for the February 22 meeting.

Lorie Rierdon, director of Government Relations for the Mid-Atlantic Region of Comcast, told the council how the company had been founded by three men in Tupelo, Mississippi who were still actively involved with it, even though the company with the acquisition of Jones now has 5.5 million customers and is the fourth largest cable company in the country. In Maryland, the company franchises Baltimore, Howard and Caroline counties and has many more franchises in Pennsylvania and Delaware and other east coast states as well as

the midwest and far west. Rierdon claimed the company was known as being customer oriented. Besides its core business of cable service, Comcast owns a shopping and an entertainment cable network, as well as having ownership interest in Philadelphia professional sports teams and two sports arenas. Microsoft Corporation under the leadership of Bill Gates has purchased a non-con-

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## What Goes On

Tues., Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Center.

Wed., Feb. 17, 8 p.m. City Council Worksessions on County Bus System Proposal, Community Center.

Thurs., Feb. 18, 7 p.m. Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Municipal Building.

7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place.

## Parking Solutions Cause Neighbors to Disagree

by Al Geiger

Green Ridge House (GRH) residents and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) homeowners clashed at a city council worksession called to air the Green Ridge House Parking Impact Report prepared by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) and a parking management report prepared by the city planning staff.

Green Ridge House is a 101 unit city-owned independent living facility that houses senior citizens and handicapped individuals. There are 41 parking spaces in front of the facility that are open to GRH permit holders only. Each resident is entitled to one parking permit. To date, 47 permits have been issued. Visitors, staff, caregivers, etc., must park on Ridge Road.

Community planner Terri Hruby first explained the alterna-

tive designs developed by GPI. Alternative one proposes the expansion of existing on-site GRH parking by 14 spaces to provide a total of 55 spaces. This would necessitate the removal of 10 trees, some of which are now in poor condition, and four would be planted to replace them.

Seven spaces would be on the west side of the service drive. They would be obstructed for short periods of time during deliveries. Trees that now constitute a light barrier between the parking lot and GHI 20 Court would have to be removed and a retaining wall built. Hruby said a fence to act as a light barrier would be constructed atop the retaining wall until new plantings of cedar or other trees grew to the proper size. These new plantings would be on GHI prop-

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The cast of GAC's award winning "Grand Prize"; (l to r-back) Kate Fairhurst and James Riordon. (front) Michael Cooney, Kim Weaver and Jack Wibbe.

## Arts Center Wins Prize In One Act Play Contest

by Laura and Erv Beckert

Leaving the audience in stitches of laughter, the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) ran off with the grand prize for the play aptly named "Grand Prize." During the weekend of January 15, GAC competed against fourteen other Maryland theater groups to win the award, Best Production, in the One Act Play Festival sponsored by the Maryland Community Theater Festival Association, Inc. (MCTFA).

The next step is the Eastern States Theatre Association (ESTA) tournament in April where representatives from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Washington D.C., and Maryland will vie for the right to compete at the National Theater Festival. MCTFA is hosting this year's ESTA festival which will be held at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, Maryland.

Greenbelt resident James R. Riordon teamed up with M.E. O'Donnell and Jack Wibbe to write the amusing play about a long married housewife confronted with "Cosmopolitan's" grand prize, a brand spanking new husband. Riordon is no stranger

to the MCTFA. Last year he won the Best Original Play award with "Apollo Redux."

Combining his love of science and writing, Riordon recently became a full time freelance writer contributing to popular science magazines. Artistic expression runs in the family. Riordon's 12-year old son, J. Patrick, had a cameo role in the play as an aide to the "Cosmopolitan" representative.

## Cast

With an excellent script in hand, the cast made the characters come alive. Michael Cooney snagged the Outstanding Performance award with his characterization of Ken, the prize husband. Cooney was the perfect Barbie-doll Ken, trained in all ways to please a woman (Yes. He does windows). Kate Fairhurst portraying the housewife's friend, Daphne, humorously made the outrageous proposition of trading in a husband seem reasonable. The rest of the cast, Kim Weaver, Wibbe and Riordon held their own with their believable role acting. Playing the piano,

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## A Call for Civility

For one of his earliest cartoons, later reproduced in the 25th anniversary volume marking the city's history, Izzy Parker drew a couple of Greenbelt men — one on a ladder, the other on the roof — determinedly sawing one rowhouse apart from its neighbor. "I told them I wanted no part of Co-op housing," one of them was saying. We would hate to think that this scene of the deliberate fracturing of community symbolizes the true spirit of Greenbelt, but the way things have been going lately, we're beginning to wonder. For on two current questions facing our citizens a shocking mean-spiritedness seems to have erupted, driving what looks like an irreparable wedge between those who cast themselves on one side of an issue and those on the other. One of these issues is a festering, unresolved problem — the absence of adequate parking near Green Ridge House. The other stems from the request of nearby neighbors for incorporation within the municipal boundaries.

The first problem was left us in the town's early design, created when few people owned cars — let alone two or three. The second, which might be seen as a flattering comment on Greenbelt's reputation as a great place to live, has evolved into a contentious issue as voters now face a referendum. The former issue will require the best, and most creative, thinking that the community can muster for an ultimate solution. The second will be settled in March by majority vote. But what is disturbingly similar about the two issues is the contentiousness — and the lack of civility — shown recently by certain partisans.

Problems are by their very nature complex: their murkiness is what makes them problems. In choosing among options, people may differ; forecasters may see different possible outcomes. A choice that benefits one may harm another. Negotiating among such complexities creates a civil society. It is democracy's very soul.

Whatever is lost if a decision is made against our view is as nothing if we lose community itself.

## Save Our Oak

Help! The oldest inhabitant of Greenbelt is in imminent danger of execution! Located in the 56 court Crescent Road, it is a six hundred year old oak which was a full grown tree long before Columbus was even born. This is the oldest oak tree in Prince George's County, and I have been told there is no older tree in Montgomery County either.

In such a long life it is not surprising that this oak has had its share of adversity. Sometime in the forties it was hit by lightning. Several thousand dollars, a huge sum for that time, was spent to repair it. When we moved to Greenbelt in 1953 the repair was very visible — a large tiled area covering six or eight feet. It is now almost completely covered by bark, a compliment to the tree's recuperative power.

The 1997 Tax Reduction Act

tax structure is unique. It is one of only a few states that has a local personal income tax, and by law the local personal income tax is a simple percentage (20 to 60 percent) of the State personal income tax. This means that changes in the State personal income tax directly affect the local personal income tax unless the local governments are "held harmless" through decoupling. Decoupling is breaking the simple percentage relationship between State and local income taxes.

Leo Green, State Senator  
23rd District of Maryland

for the local income tax is not a simple percentage of what State income taxes are, but a simple percentage of what State taxes would have been if the State had not reduced taxes. The changes to the 1998 tax form for the local income tax are to compute what taxable income and State taxes would have been without the tax reduction. Then the simple percentage is applied to this amount rather than the actual State income tax, to compute the local income tax.

There are several bills at the County and State level to address this situation. I will keep you informed of the deliberations.

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### OFFICIAL NOTICE SPECIAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1999

The final day to register in order to vote in the special city election will be Monday, March 1, 1999

Residents must be registered with Prince George's County in order to vote. Voter registration forms may be obtained by calling 301-627-2814, or you may pick up a form at the Greenbelt Municipal Building or the Greenbelt Library. These forms must be received by the County Board of Supervisors of Elections, 14701 Oden Bowie Drive, in Upper Marlboro by 4:00 p.m. on March 1st. The city is not involved with this procedure, and the registering voter is responsible for mailing or delivering the form to Upper Marlboro. If you do not know whether or not you are registered, you may call the County Board of Elections at 301-952-3270.

David E. Moran CMC  
City Clerk



### CITY OF GREENBELT Presidents' Day Holiday Service Schedule



### CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1999

The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not run that day.

Refuse/Recycling routes will be picked up as follows:

Monday Pickup will be collected on Tuesday.

Tuesday Pickup will be collected on Wednesday.

Wednesday Pickup will be collected on Thursday.

Thursday Pickup will be collected on Friday.

There will be NO FRIDAY yard debris and appliance pickups.

For more information call the Department of Public Works at 301-474-8000, the Greenbelt Connection at 301-474-8100 or visit Greenbelt CityLink at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>

## Open Letter

I have been receiving communications regarding the Income Tax Reduction Act and how it is affecting local tax rates. The following is an explanation of the decoupling issue.

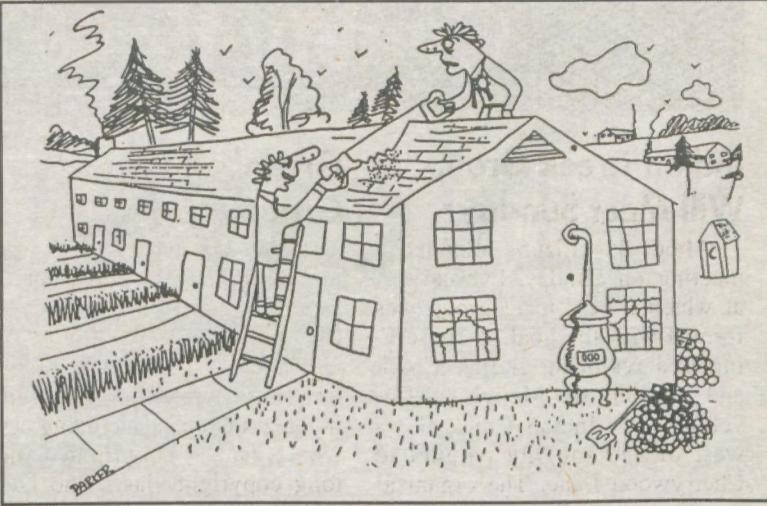
Maryland's personal income

enacted a 10 percent reduction in the State's income tax. The top marginal rate was reduced from 5 percent to 4.75 percent over a period of five years, and the dollar amount of the personal exemptions was increased from \$1,200 to \$2,400 (also phased in over five years). In 1998, the General Assembly accelerated the phase-in of the income tax reduction and passed a refundable earned income tax credit.

Because of the simple percentage relationship between State and local income taxes, these changes would have resulted in a reduction in local income taxes. The local governments wanted to handle the State income tax reduction in their budget deliberations. To accommodate the local governments, the Maryland General Assembly decoupled the county income tax from the State income tax, breaking the simple percentage relationship between State and local taxes that had existed for over 30 years.

This means that the local income tax is not a simple percentage of what State income taxes are, but a simple percentage of what State taxes would have been if the State had not reduced taxes. The changes to the 1998 tax form for the local income tax are to compute what taxable income and State taxes would have been without the tax reduction. Then the simple percentage is applied to this amount rather than the actual State income tax, to compute the local income tax.

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"I told them I wanted no part of Co-op housing."

## Democratic Club February Activities

Two new city employees will be named "Sweethearts" when the Eleanor and Frank D. Roosevelt Democratic Club holds its annual Valentine meeting on Friday, February 19, at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building on Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. Members will meet and honor Sarah Schaffer, recreational coordinator and Michael Clem, senior administrative assistant for Public Works and recycling coordinator.

The public is invited to come and learn about their duties and to socialize following their presentations. For further information call 301-474-6668.

There is still space on the bus going to Annapolis on the evening of Monday, February 15, to attend the 23rd District Legislative reception. Following the reception there will be an opportunity

## City Notes

The Horticulture Crew continued repair of erosion damage on the stream behind the Braden Field tennis courts. The whole crew spent most of the week on this project.

Richard Mills, parks foreman, and Joe Doss, parks crewman, attended a two day seminar on playground safety sponsored by the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association. The office staff attended a one day class on WordPerfect 8.

Gene Diest answered one call after hours this week for "no heat" at the Community Center.

tunity to view a session in either the State Senate or the House of Delegates. The bus will be in the Greenbelt Library parking lot at 5 p.m. and leave promptly at 5:15 p.m. There is a fee. To reserve space or for further information call Janet Parker at 301-474-6668.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, the City of Greenbelt, Maryland will hold a special election on

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

for the purpose of a referendum on the annexation of the Parkside subdivision pursuant to Resolution 884. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Any person who resides within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt and is registered to vote with Prince George's County may vote in city elections. Please contact the city offices at 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) if you have any questions regarding the upcoming election.

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# Community Events

## Indian Creek Group Will Meet Sunday

About 35 citizens attended a meeting on Sunday, February 7, at which a new local group was formed with the goal of conserving and restoring Indian Creek and opposing the MetroLand Development. Indian Creek flows west of and roughly parallel to Cherrywood Lane. The organization is called Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC).

The group's next meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, February 14, on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center. Concerned Greenbelters and others are urged to attend.

Selected to be CCRIC co-chairs were Kate Spencer and Beth Zinecker, both of Berwyn Heights. Rita Zito of College Park was elected interim treasurer.

## Lions Walk for Sight

For the second consecutive year, the Lions of District 22-C Eye Bank and Research Foundation, Inc. will sponsor the "1999 Lions Walk for Sight" on Saturday, February 13. In Greenbelt, walkers can register at Beltway Plaza Mall from 8:30 - 9 a.m.

"Walk for Sight" walkers sign up sponsors who pledge tax-deductible donations for each walker who completes the walk around the Mall from 9 - 10 a.m. There is no pre-set number of miles or laps to walk and participants may move at their own pace. All funds raised are used to provide vision, hearing and glaucoma screenings for local residents. Last year the Lions and the Eye Bank raised over \$9,000 as a result of many walkers' efforts. To pre-register or for more information on the "Lions Walk for Sight," contact Kathy Straser at the Eye Bank at 301-577-7800.

## Charity Workout At Bally's

This month at Bally's, people can work out to help others. Throughout the month of February people are asked to join in a fitness fund-raiser to benefit HIV/AIDS and cancer research at City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute. At the Greenbelt Bally the workout will be held on February 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Top instructors from Bally's clubs will lead dynamic workouts with fitness activities for every level. Non-Bally members are welcome. To participate, use an official sponsor form to collect donations and bring the money raised to the workout class. Call 301-441-8300 to request a sponsor form. Participants who raise a minimum of \$25 receive an official sports towel.

## Greenbelt Park Dog Walk

Enjoy the sights and sounds of February with a dog. Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is conducting a two-mile dog walk on Sunday, February 7, at 1 p.m. Dogs must be leashed. Please bring a bag or scoop to pick up after the dog. Meet at the Ranger Station.

For more directions or information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

## Greenbelt Writers Group Meets

Robin Galender, public information specialist, Copyright Office, Library of Congress, was the featured speaker at the Greenbelt Writers Group January meeting. Galender covered a number of topics including what works can be copyrighted, how long copyrights last, who has a right to a person's work, etc. She brought many handouts including some on copyright registration for online works, how to register a copyright, and how to investigate the copyright status of a work. A lively discussion followed, including questions about a person's rights of authorship when they are employed by a company. Leftover handouts will be available at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Friday, February 19, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. There will be open readings followed by a book discussion. In honor of Valentine's Day, the book topic will be "the heart." That topic covers a lot of book types — a romance, of course; a biology book; or maybe Edgar Allan Poe. Plan to attend. For more information, call Heather at 301-474-4713.

## Nursery School Has Noted Storyteller

Charlotte Blake-Alston, noted Afro-American storyteller, will entertain the Greenbelt Nursery and Kindergarten in the multi-purpose room on Friday, February 12 from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

The children will join together in songs and chants of the traditional African experience. Word pictures will illustrate their experiences through the songs.

## "Explorations" to See New Zealand Video

On Friday, February 19, at 1 p.m., Explorations Unlimited will present a video, "Milford Track of New Zealand" (a four day walk). The presenter is Ruth Morris, a long-time resident of Greenbelt. The Milford Track has some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. Located in the internationally-renowned Fiordland National Park at the bottom tip of the South Island, the Track is walked by thousands every year. The four-day trek begins at a glacial lake and journeys through two dramatic glacial valleys, separated by a climb over an alpine pass.

Cascading waterfalls, magnificent sheer rock walls, moss-covered forest — and, in summer, a

## Greenbelt New Year 2000 Committee Meeting

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 17  
**TIME:** 7:30pm - 10:00pm  
**WHERE:** Greenbelt Community Center  
**WHO:** Anyone interested in joining the committee to help plan the festivities for the millennium celebration.  
**Questions:** Call Greg Varda at the Greenbelt Community Center (301) 397-2208.

## Black History Salute At Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is celebrating Black History Month with a salute to George Washington Carver. Kofi A. Ofori will be the guest speaker and a video will be shown.

Meet at the Ranger Station in Greenbelt Park on Saturday, February 13 at 1 p.m. For more directions or information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

## La Leche League Meets February 16

La Leche League of Greenbelt will meet on Tuesday, February 16, at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. The topic of the meeting is "Needs as Baby Grows." Pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend. Babies are welcome. For more information, please call Heather at 301-345-1859.

## Henderson to Speak To Gray Panthers

James Henderson, newly elected school board member representing Greenbelt will speak at the Gray Panthers meeting Saturday, February 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt police station. He will talk informally about his vision for improving county schools, and there will be time for questions. The issue affects everybody in the county, whether or not they currently have students in the schools.

Everyone is invited, and refreshments will be served. For information or for a ride call J. Parker at 301-474-6668 or E. Webb at 301-474-6890.

## myriad of alpine flowers, including the world's largest buttercup and the mischievous mountain bird, the kea — all are captured here for the walker's enjoyment.

This program follows the Milford Track journey with Peter Hayden, one of New Zealand's most highly respected natural history film makers. His companions include Andy Dennis, authority on New Zealand's National parks, and Maria Tini, a member of the Ngai Tahu Maori tribe. Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held in the senior classroom at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## At the Library

Monday, February 15 — Libraries Closed.

### Children's Program

Wednesday, February 17, 7 p.m. P.J. Storytime for ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, February 18, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 - 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

### Adult Program

Wednesday, February 17, 2 p.m. Adult Book Discussion. T.R. Pearson's "A Short History of a Small Place."

## Museum Shows Film On Langston Terrace

In honor of Black History Month, the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) will be offering a free video documentary. "Home: The Langston Terrace Dwellings," will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, in city council chambers, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Refreshments will be served.

Like Greenbelt, the model community of Langston Terrace was built by the Roosevelt Administration in 1937 to provide affordable and sanitary housing to underprivileged families in the wake of the Great Depression. Designed by African-American architect Hilyard R. Robinson, Langston Terrace is located in Northeast Washington, DC. Its first African-American families were welcomed in 1938 and quickly formed their own credit union and sponsored gardening and poetry clubs. Langston's houses and community buildings were designed in the international style and linked by footpaths and landscaped common areas, features shared by Greenbelt and other planned communities constructed by the Federal Government during the New Deal.

"Home: The Langston Terrace Dwellings" examines the social, economic and political factors underlying the federal public housing program of the Roosevelt Administration. It also features interviews with current and former residents of Langston Terrace, who collectively describe a tight-knit, self-sufficient community that, like Greenbelt, viewed itself as an extended family.

## Golden Age Club

by Dolores Caposteo

It's party time again — on February 17 we will celebrate the birthday of Golden Age "Sweethearts." Members who would like to help with the birthday preparations should see Solange Hess.

Things are happening as a result of an active Programs Committee. The February 24 meeting will include a video of whale watching off Cape Cod, and the March 10 meeting will host a guest speaker from Greenbelt, David Zahren, a Channel 7 weather man.

Golden Age members will travel to Winterthur, Delaware on March 18, and to the Wilmington Waterfront Museum to see the ancient Japanese artworks exhibit in April. Members may sign up for trips at meetings. Golden Agers on the Panama Canal Cruise hate to leave all the activity (sure they do!) but we wish them smooth sailing and flying.

We have recently learned that families in the organ and tissue donation program have no say as to whom or where gifts will be sent. More information will be provided.

Seniors may make an appointment to receive tax preparation assistance by calling this new number, 301-918-8855. Please have all pertinent paperwork together.

The club sends get well wishes to Rose Haber, Margaret Kivlin, and Dorothy Rehmy. It's good to see Phyllis Budin at meetings again.

## Greenbelt.com Holds Computer Class

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) and the Greenbelt Library will co-sponsor a free computer class, on Tuesday, February 16, at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. The class will cover the basics of Windows '95 and will be taught by Bill Dupree.

For further information, contact Tom Crompton at 301-596-3237.

## Marathon and Relay Set for February 14

The 38th Annual Washington's Birthday Marathon and Marathon Relay will be held on Sunday February 14 at 10:30 a.m. This 26.2 mile event will be hosted by DC Road Runners Club. Lake registration will begin Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Call 703-241-0395 for additional details.

## GREENBELT ARTS CENTER

PRESENTS

A VALENTINE'S DAY JAZZ CONCERT BY

## NORMAN EVANS

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1999

4:00 - 6:00 PM

ADMISSION IS FREE

COME LISTEN TO THE WONDERFUL SOUNDS OF THIS VERY TALENTED MUSICIAN!



For further information or directions call (301) 982-2312

## OBITUARY

## Catherine G. Walton

Catherine Walton, 82, of 25 Court Ridge Road died of heart failure on January 12, 1999 at the Mariner Health Center in Laurel. She had been a resident of Greenbelt since 1942.

She was born in Mauertown, Virginia in 1916. She and her husband Giles came to Maryland in 1942 where he worked for the town of Greenbelt until his retirement in 1968. The town was owned by the government then and they rented one of the individual homes near the lake in the area which is now part of Springhill Lake.

When the government sold Greenbelt, the Waltons moved to 25-C Ridge Road where Catherine lived until six months before her death. She was moved to the Mariner Health Center when she became very ill.

Catherine was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Her hobbies were her flower gardens, collecting antiques and making crafts. She especially enjoyed the block parties in her neighborhood and the many family get-togethers.

She is survived by five children: Shirley Byrd of Tappahannock, Virginia; Mary Anne Holien of Beltsville; Marlene Keeler of Crownsville; Jo Walton of Baltimore and Terry Walton of Greenbelt; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her husband Giles died in 1981 and her son Lanny Walton died in 1993.

A memorial service was held on January 27 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

## Mowatt Offers Lenten Studies

Mowatt United Methodist will hold a seven week Lenten studies series on Wednesday evenings through March 31 at 6:30 p.m. The studies will be led by Rev. Guillermo Chavez. The subject will be The Lord's Prayer.

Soup and sandwiches will be provided. All are welcome. For information call Louise Craig at 301-474-3248.

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community.  
February 14, 1999  
9:30 & 11:15 a.m.  
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"The world beyond is as different from this world as this world is different from that of the child while still in the womb of its mother. When the soul attaineth the Presence of God, it will assume the form that best befitteh its immortality and is worthy of its celestial habitation."  
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Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
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Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160

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## Pat McHale

Pat McHale, age 31, long-time resident and well known handyman of Greenbelt, was fatally injured in an auto accident on February 1, 1999.

Pat is survived by his mother, Brenda Phillips, and stepfather, Robert, both of Greenbelt; father, Robert R. McHale, and stepmother, Betty J. of Sarasota, FL; grandfather, Thomas J. McHale, Jr., formerly of Greenbelt; sister Renee Shaffer, brothers Robert K., Tucker, John, and stepbrother Marty Phillips. The family received friends and relatives Thursday, February 11 from 3 - 4 p.m. with a memorial service following at Hunting Ridge Club, 6914 Hanover Parkway.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that contributions be sent to the City of Greenbelt marked "Pat McHale Adopt-A-Tree Memorial," 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

## CARES

In January, 25 families, amounting to 52 individuals, were seen on average per week for formal counseling services. Among the 25 families were 17 youths, on average. Weekly tutoring sessions were held in a wide variety of subjects. 55 students participated this month.

Judy Hering began the winter session GED course. GED I is for students who need remediation in math and English. GED II is for students who need review of higher level math and English skills and are preparing to take the GED test. Six students enrolled in the GED course.

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Prayer (Wednesday) 7:00 PM

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## Greenbelt Baptist Church

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Sunday 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.: Worship Service  
1. TOPIC: THE CHARACTER TRAITS OF EL SHADDAI (THE ALMIGHTY GOD)  
2. DELIVERANCE SERVICE

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## Program on Black History at Montpelier

In honor of Black History Month, the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center is presenting an exhibit focusing on Prince George's County's industrial past. "SSS... When the Iron Was Hot: African American Ironworkers in Laurel/Muirkirk, 1730 - 1930 will examine the lives of the men who worked at forges and foundries in Prince George's County. First as slaves and later as freed people, they produced iron at the Patuxent and Muirkirk Ironworks, and built the nearby communities where some of their descendants still live. These workers helped form the communities of Rossville, Bacontown and the Grove. The exhibit will explore, through artifacts, photographs and documents, what life was like for African American ironworkers.

The exhibit will be on display through February 28. In conjunction with the exhibition, the Black History Program will sponsor a free luncheon/lecture featuring Charles Dew, author of "Bond of Iron: Master and Slave at Buffalo Forge" at noon on February 19. Reservations for the lecture can be made by calling the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center at 301-953-1993.

**St. George's Episcopal Church**  
Episcopal/Anglican  
Corner of Lanham-Severn Road (MD 564) and Glenn Dale Road, Just South of Greenbelt Rd (MD193), Glenn Dale 301-262-3285 <http://members.aol.com/stgeogd/>  
Sunday Services  
9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing)  
10 am Education for all ages  
11 am Sung Service



Margaret "Peggy" Sparks.



## A TRIBUTE

by Heather Sparks

As the sun rises to greet a new day,  
Family and friends shield their eyes to mourn.  
For a beloved soul has made her final ascent,  
And now a new angel is born.

When once we sought warmth in her embrace,  
Let us now take comfort in the strength of her spirit.  
Hold dear her radiant beauty and stylish grace,  
And speak of it loudly for new generations to hear it.

Her stubbornness that always had a smile,  
Her love that always shined through in laughter,  
Let now the memories bridge the distant miles,  
Until we all rejoin in the hereafter.

We shall never forget the soul that touched us all,  
And our feeling of loss will have no end.  
Yet in smiles she greeted us as sister, aunt, Mom, and Nan,  
So in smiles we shall mourn our dear departed friend...

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Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor

In Residence: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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Taught by Jason Faunce

"Raising Christ's Kids" -

Taught by Wendy Linstrom



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Rev. Stephen H. Mentz, Pastor (301) 345-5111

## RENOVATION

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renovation. In addition, Craze suggested ways the city might raise funds. These proposals could help to offset the cost of renovations or to build a trust fund for continuing preservation efforts.

The proposal for an "adopt-a-tree" program for the fourteen zelkova trees to be planted in the center of the mall was well received by the councilmembers. Each tree is expected to cost approximately \$400.

The "buy-a-paver" program and suggested corporate sponsorship of the Mother and Child renovation were not as well received. The first program would allow citizens to have their names engraved on granite pavers. Davis was open to the idea but thought that only a portion of the pavers should be sold; otherwise, she said, the engraving would be too noticeable. Roberts thought that having the pavers engraved with names would be "really tacky," and not something he could support. Putens agreed, though he later appeared open to a "buy-a-paver" program that did not involve placing the names on the bricks, for example, if there were a small number (or numbered emblem) that would correspond to a directory of sponsors.

Peterson opposed engraving the pavers with names. She felt the program would limit the sense of who the Center belongs to, arguing that people would pledge money without having their names engraved. Bradley-Papp cautioned that the program would not raise a lot of money but suggested that having some symbol of sponsorship "says that a group of people came together and made this happen." She said it would be a visual example of the cooperative movement that has been important to the city's history.

Kevin Hammett, chair of the Community Relations Advisory Board, said that engraving the pavers would fit well with the

memorialization program that the board has been trying to establish. The previously discussed memorial wall could recognize only a very limited number of people. The adopt-a-paver program would democratize the memorialization process, he said.

Craze had also suggested seeking corporate sponsorship of the statue renovation project. Davis and Roberts opposed the idea, Putens was undecided and White said that he would not have trouble with recognizing a company that donated \$80,000 to \$90,000.

### Statue Renovation

Council was favorably impressed with a proposal from Sharon Koehler to renovate the statue. She proposed a multi-step process. First, the statue will be removed from its base by specially trained art movers. The base will be removed and replaced. The surface of the statue will also be stabilized. Once an appropriate procedure is developed, the surface will be cleaned. Bulked polyester infill will be added to areas of the statue that have been worn down over time (such as the facial features, ears, hands and feet) to restore the sharper lines of the original sculpture. No recarving of the original statue will be done. Once restored, the statue may be treated with a stone strengthener and water repellent, then installed on the new base.

The statue renovation committee, which included Sandra Lange, Barbara Simon and Bradley-Papp, contacted eight companies with expertise in outdoor sculpture renovation. Two submitted proposals. The alternate proposal, which had a much lower estimated cost (\$16,200 vs., Koehler's \$62,937), also called for less extensive renovation. Bradley-Papp recommended approval of the Koehler proposal based upon Koehler's more impressive credentials and upon the "more cursory" nature of the alternate proposal. Councilmembers agreed with that recommendation.

## State Tax Offices Open on Holidays

Though most state offices will be closed, Maryland State Comptroller William Donald Schaefer has issued a reminder that the state's 20 taxpayer service offices will remain open to provide assistance on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 15. Throughout the tax filing season taxpayer service offices will be open on all state and federal holidays.

Maryland returns can be completed at no cost to citizens, Comptroller Schaefer said. Tax-

payers should bring a completed copy of their federal return and all their W-2 statements to one of the state offices.

Taxpayers can find directions to the 20 taxpayer service offices, get tax forms and publications, and answers to commonly asked questions by logging onto the comptroller's website at [www.marylandtaxes.com](http://www.marylandtaxes.com). Help is also available by calling 410-260-7980 from central Maryland or 1-800-MD TAXES from elsewhere in the state.

## GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

### Demolition of Mall Is Set To Begin on February 16

The city has released a tentative schedule for renovation of the Roosevelt Center and the "Mother and Child" statue. As a money-saving measure, as much work as can be reasonably undertaken will be completed by city work crews.

The project will be phased, with the rear 2/3 of the mall demolished and rebuilt, before construction is started the front 1/3 of the mall. The "Mother and Child" statue renovation will begin after the majority of the mall reconstruction is complete.

The city plans to start demolition in the mall on Tuesday, February 16. Public Works will remove the site furniture on that day. The following day, the trees will be cut and mulched. On Thursday the light poles will be removed, and on Friday a construction fence will be placed around the perimeter of the mall. A separate fence will be placed around the "Mother and Child" statue. Access to the storefronts will be maintained throughout. Demolition of the pavement will begin on Monday, February 22.

The city plans to hire a contractor to complete the paving and structural soil installation. City forces will do the majority of the remaining work. Given this schedule, construction of the mall should be complete by the end of April. Sharon Koehler, who has been engaged to renovate the statue, is scheduled to begin in mid-May. Installation of the new theater marquee and attraction board will be scheduled after the mall renovation is complete.



**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
**GHI Board of Directors**  
**Thursday, February 18, 1999**  
**7:30 P.M.**  
**GHI Board Room**

#### Key Agenda Item

- Property Damage Release

Action

Board meetings are open to members.

**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**  
**Wednesday, February 17, 1999**  
**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**THEATER/REHEARSAL ROOM**  
**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Green Ridge Housing Parking - Review of Parking Management Options and Construction Alternatives



Lorette and Jean Levesque

### Levesques Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Lorette and Jean Levesque of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on February 12. Shortly after exchanging their vows at St. Jean the Baptist Church in Fall River, Massachusetts, they made Greenbelt their home. Former News Review staffers, on retiring, they moved to the Delaware shore where they remain active in the community as volunteer driv-

ers for "Meals on Wheels."

A celebration is planned at the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn in Greenbelt with their nine children and eleven grandchildren. Their children are: Roger, Elaine, Dorothy, Patricia, Susan, Thomas, Janet, Yvonne and Bernadette. Their grandchildren are: Juliette, Phillip, Tia, Elizabeth, Rustin, Katherine, Kyle, Nathaniel, Michelle, Sarah, and Joshua.

### Nominate Employer of the Year

The Maryland Department of Aging continues its call for nominations for the "1999 Employer of the Year." Selections will be based on an employer's record of actively recruiting, training, hiring and promoting older persons in the workforce. The deadline for

receipt of nominations is February 22.

For more information regarding the "1999 Employer of the Year Award" or to obtain a nomination form, call the Maryland Department of Aging at 410-767-1276 or toll free: 1-800-AGE-DIAL.



**GHI offices will be closed on Monday, February 15 for Presidents Day. For Emergency Maintenance that day please call (301) 474-6011.**

**The Member & Community Relations Committee will meet Tuesday, February 16.**

### Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

#### MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

**Tuesday and Thursday, February 16 and 18**

6:00 p.m. "The Audrey Scott Show-Beltsville Office Facility USDA"  
 6:30 p.m. ACE presents: "Character Education"

#### PUBLIC ACCESS 301-507-6581

**Wednesday, February 17**

7:00 p.m. "Storytime"  
 7:30 p.m. "When Beavers Attack"  
 7:45 p.m. "Greenbelt in Focus-the Parkside Annexation Issue"



#### OFFICIAL NOTICE

#### ABSENTEE VOTING

**Special Election - March 9, 1999**

Any qualified elector who would be prevented from voting in the special election by reason of religious beliefs, physical condition, or absence from the city on the day of election is entitled to vote by absentee ballot.

(1) Letters of application for absentee ballots may be written to the City Clerk, stating why an absentee ballot is needed; if more than one ballot is needed, the letter must be signed by all persons wanting a ballot; or

(2) Application forms may be obtained in the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Applications to vote by absentee ballot will be accepted from Wednesday, February 17, 1999 until noon on Monday, March 8, 1999. The completed absentee ballot must be returned to the City Clerk no later than 6:00 p.m. the day of the special election, Tuesday, March 9, 1999.

Electors may complete their absentee ballot at the City Clerk's office at the time they present their written applications, if they wish. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

David E. Moran, CMC  
 City Clerk

## PARKING

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erty. James Cassels, GRH resident, objected to the tree removal and general "uglifying" in the direction of GHI and said he thought additional parking should be on the street. Councilmember Alan Turnbull said he preferred the problem be solved on GRH's own property.

### \$68,000 Cost

Additional spaces would be in front of the building and from rearranging existing parking. The total cost as estimated by GPI is expected to be about \$68,000. The funds would probably come from GRH reserves through the Community Development Administration (CDA) although this has not been firmly established, according to W. Bowman (Bo) Ferguson, Greenbelt's senior management analyst.

Alternative two calls for additional parking (besides the on-site expansion) to be developed on Ridge Road. Seven parallel spaces on the GRH side of the street and fronting GRH property would be replaced by 15 perpendicular or 13 angled spaces. GHI could be invited to participate by including the two adjacent parallel spaces that front on GHI property in the plan. The cost would be approximately \$32,000 as estimated by GPI. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that CDA might not pay for on-street parking. Because of the safety factors involved with people backing into a busy street, traffic calming measures would have to be included and would be the responsibility of the city.

The GPI plans indicate that both perpendicular and angled parking would encroach from 19 to 21 feet beyond the present curb into the green area of GRH, necessitating the removal of two small trees and possibly adversely impacting the large oak tree.

On-street parking would be open to all but, in response to a question from the audience, Hruby said that with certain limits a permit parking system could be established. Hruby stated that the goals of a parking management program for GRH were to provide safe and convenient parking, ensure optimum use of existing parking space, maintain adequate on-

street parking, provide or encourage alternate modes of transportation, and provide disincentives to vehicle ownership. Several strategies were discussed: Mandate that all cars be moved at least once a week. This would discourage the parking lot from being used as a storage facility but might encourage residents to move their cars to the street. Prohibit reserved parking which would ensure full utilization of the parking lot but would not guarantee residents with physical limitations a handicap parking space. Currently 27 residents have handicap tags. Make permit parking effective only during peak demand hours, e.g. between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. Limit the number of permits issued. This might increase the demand of on street parking. Parking permit fees might tend to decrease vehicle ownership but are not permitted by the federal department of Housing and Urban Development, which subsidizes GRH rents, according to Ferguson. Other options such as car sharing and valet parking were also discussed.

Turnbull suggested a management approach that would make a concerted effort to market GRH as a facility that is accessible to most needed service at the Center and to public transportation.

### Tap Water Still Safe Despite Color Change

Due to severe drought conditions over the past year, mineral content of Potomac River water has increased significantly as the water volume in the river has decreased. This, in combination with minerals from road salting operations washed into the river from recent rains, has produced a noticeable color in the WSSC drinking water processed at the Potomac Filtration Plant. The color is noticeable in large volumes of water, for example, a full bath tub or basin. There is no adverse health effect from the increase in mineral content. This is a characteristic of the current water chemistry and not a problem with the distribution system. Flushing will have no effect.

The WSSC advises this water is perfectly safe to drink, as

it adjusts its treatment procedure to accommodate winter conditions. Still, customers may detect a "bleachy" odor in processed tap water. Any objectionable taste and odor can be virtually eliminated in the home by filling a container with water and allowing it to stand with a loose-fitting cap in the refrigerator for several hours.

As the winter season continues, the WSSC asks, "Please make certain that fire hydrants near your home or place of business are not covered or obscured by plowed or shoveled snow. In the event of an emergency, fire fighting crews need to locate these units as quickly as possible in order to get water flowing to extinguish the blaze."

## Our Neighbors

Our sympathy to the McHale family whose son and brother, Pat McHale, was killed in an automobile accident on February 2.

Sympathy also to the family of Catherine Walton on the death of their mother and grandmother.

Condolences to Sally (Mrs. Stephen) Bond and daughters Jessica and Sara Pray on the death of her father and their grandfather, Andrew Wyvill of Upper Marlboro on February 8.

We send our condolences to Dick and Irene Hensel, who recently lost Dick's mother, Eileen M. Hensel, to pneumonia.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Maree F. Loutsch, a long-time resident of Maplewood Court. We send condolences to George Loutsch and family.

Lisa Natasha Nudo has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Delaware for outstanding academic achievement for the fall 1998 semester. Nudo, of Canning Terrace, is a senior majoring in exercise and sports science.

Sean R. Fleming has been named to the Dean's List at

Frostburg State University for outstanding academic achievement for the fall 1998 semester. To be eligible, a student must earn a cumulative semester grade point average of at least 3.4.

Megan Marie Thomas of Hanover Parkway has been named to the Dean's List at Lafayette College, Easton, PA, for the fall 1998 semester. To be eligible, a student must earn a cumulative semester grade point average of at least 3.45.

Army Pvt. Johnnesia C. Haynes has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO. Haynes is the daughter of Lisa Haynes of Forestville and John Haynes of Mathew Street. She is a 1998 graduate of Crossland High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Teodoro III are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Ruth Teodoro on February 1 in Fair Oak Hospital. Sarah weighed 9 lbs., 10 oz. The Teodoros are former residents of 14 Laurel Hill Road and now live in Nokesville, VA. Lynda Teodoro was an active member in the Greenbelt Dog Training group. Brothers Paul and Josh and Jake (the dog) are very happy with their new sister.

## Boys and Girls Club Program at Half Way

by Coach Doug Mangum

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club's intramural program is now at the halfway point. With five teams going head to head since January 2, the players have been displaying dedication and desire at practice and effort and enthusiasm during games.

The following individuals are congratulated for manning the All-Hustle Team: 1st team Charlae Thompson, Nathanael Gant, Andre Stewart, Kelly Keifner, and Precious Williams; 2nd team—Sean Swetnam, Tommy Lee, Evan Washington, Sherrod Tucker and Brendan Younger.

The leading scorers are: Evan Washington, 30, Wizards, J.D. Flanagan, 29, Terps; Andre Stewart 17, Heat; Greg Head, 17, Terps, Kelly Keifner, 14, Tarheels. Sherrod Tucker, 14, Tarheels, Alex Mihalovic, 14, Terps; Michael Edwards, 12, Wizards; Donovan Bailey, 12, Tarheels. Hakeem Alexander, 11, Heat and Jarren Long, 11, Raptors.

All games are played at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Saturday mornings through February 27. After that the play-off tournament begins on Wednesday, March 10.

This week's games feature Tarheels vs. Heat at 9 a.m. and Terps vs. Wizards at 10:15 a.m.

## LINE DANCING WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 28 • 7 pm - 9 pm

at the

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in the

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\*No partner is needed\* \*Light Fare will be Provided\*

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Community Center at (301)397-2208



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February 16, 18, 23, 25

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Greenbelt Arts Center

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Thursday evenings, March 4-May 13

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

at the Greenbelt Community Center

For more information call the Greenbelt Arts Center at  
301-441-8770

**CABLE**

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trolling, non-voting \$1,000,000 interest in Comcast, the money being used to improve the system and buy other companies.

As to Greenbelt's cable service, Jones will be running it and the local management team is not expected to change. Because the franchise renewal calls for upgrading the cable service, there will be improvements made, according to Drew Shekler, vice-president of Operations for Jones.

**Public Hearing**

Three citizens appeared at the public hearing. Each raised concerns previously raised at hearings and meetings on cable service, and each received assurances, as has happened before, that improvements would be made. Sheldon Goldberg told how he had tried to buy added service but had not been able to get through to a live person on the telephone. Gary Massaglia, area general manager for Jones, agreed that there was a problem with telephone service and assured council that Jones was working to improve the situation. Betty Deitch complained that she had had to call 15 or 20 times and stay at home on eight occasions in order to get an installation done. In the process she was told: that it couldn't be done, that it could be done but not by the person sent, and that the person sent could do it but didn't have the right tools. Sylvia Lewis said that she had had similar problems as Deitch and that the problem was with the contractors used by Jones.

**Picture-in-picture**

Mayor Judith Davis raised questions sent by letter by David Ginsburg. He wanted to know why the Turner Classic Movie network wasn't available, why Channel 45, the Baltimore Fox broadcast channel had been dropped, and why Jones scrambled so many channels, making it complicated, if not impossible, to use picture-in-picture TV's. Massaglia responded that Jones and Comcast would be reviewing the channel line-up, that there were presently five empty channels on the system. Under the law, the local network broadcast station can require the cable system not to include other stations from the same network and that Channel 5 Fox had required this. Massaglia expected other local stations to seek the exclusion of competing Baltimore stations. Scrambling is for company security purposes, Massaglia said, to prevent cable users from receiving stations for which they have not paid.

Deitch questioned the need for the "ugly black boxes" which are not a requirement to use many other cable franchise systems. Restating their need for security

**Housekeeping Tasks Fill Greenbelt Council Meeting**

by James Giese

Besides dealing with the city's cable franchise at its February 8 meeting (see separate story), the Greenbelt City Council received several presentations and a petition, authorized the purchase of computer equipment, introduced ordinances to change city code regulations, received personnel changes, agreed to reemploy the current auditor subject to a new agreement being negotiated, and waived facility fees for the Eleanor Roosevelt Grad Night use of the Youth Center and Aquatic Center on June 4. It also scheduled numerous meetings.

**Beaver Video**

Barbara Simon of the Greenbelt Association of the Vi-

purposes, Massaglia said there were no plans to get rid of them and that boxes would probably get bigger in the future. He noted that there were boxes now available to accommodate TVs with picture-in-picture ability.

**Legislation**

The first ordinance introduced, which is 72 pages long, provides for the replacement of the existing ordinance regulating cable television franchises with a new ordinance that reflects the terms of the newly negotiated franchise agreement. A second ordinance introduced will grant a franchise to Jones Communications of Maryland.

The agreement, which is 103 pages long, is for a fifteen year term, the length of term granted in the city's first cable agreement. According to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, the franchise was negotiated for the county and all of its municipalities by the Prince George's County Cable Coalition. The agreement outlines the provisions for improvements to the system and all the obligations of Jones Communications. McLaughlin says that the opinion of the coalition is that the new agreement is "in line with other franchise agreements in the Washington metropolitan area and will provide a state of the art system well into the future."

The third document presented for first reading is a resolution that will give the consent of the city council to the assignment and transfer of control of the city's cable franchise and cable system to Comcast Corporation. The two ordinances and the resolution are scheduled for discussion and final action at council's next meeting on Monday, February 22.

sual Arts (GAVA) and George Kochell, the animator instructor, presented a video tape, "When Beavers Attack" created by youth participating in an animation camp over the summer. Two class members, also present, passed out beaver shaped cookies to the councilmembers. The class was a cooperative effort between GAVA and GATE (Greenbelt Access Television). The video was shown on the city's access channel, Channel B10, on February 10 and will be shown again on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m.

**Lieutenant Kemp**

Thomas Kemp fills a long-time vacancy in the police department's command structure as the newly appointed third Lieutenant. Introduced to council by Chief James Craze, Kemp in turn introduced his wife, Leigh Ann, and two sons, John Thomas and Timothy. Kemp pledged his best efforts and told the council that working for the city was almost like being a part of a family. Kemp first came to Greenbelt from Pennsylvania as a volunteer firefighter, because the department would accept student volunteers and let them live at the station. He is a resident of Greenbelt and has lived at several different addresses since originally staying at the firehouse. He told the council that the recently adopted program to encourage police officers to live in the community was working with the number of officers who live in the city increasing from two to eight. He has been with the department for 14 years.

**Chief Recognized**

Mayor Judith Davis took note that Police Chief James Craze was recently elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association. That is the first step in the progression of offices that will likely lead him to become president of the association eventually. Craze is also vice-president of the Police Chiefs Association of Prince George's County. Craze noted that he had been Greenbelt's Chief for 12 years and was now one of the most tenured chiefs in the state. Being sent by the city to the FBI Police Academy changed his whole life, he said. Council members congratulated him on his recognition by his peers.

**Oil Filter Recycling**

Neil Barnett, chair of the Recycling Committee announced to council that the city can now recycle used oil filters.



**Chief of Police James Craze appearing before the Greenbelt City Council.**

-photo by Leigh Catterton

There is a big barrel for them at the city's recycling center at "Buddy" Attick Park. The filters first should be put in a sealed metal container such as a coffee can or in a plastic bag before being left at the recycling barrel. Diesel fuel filters are also acceptable, but not gasoline filters. If disposed in land fills, oil filters can leak oil that can leach into the ground and pollute ground water. Each recycled filter will provide up to five ounces of oil for recycling. Also, the metal cans are recyclable, and the paper and plastics in the filters provide fuel for a power plant.

**New Computers**

Council unanimously adopted a resolution to purchase computers totalling \$10,114 for the new automation and software system in the finance department.

**Building Code**

An ordinance was introduced for first reading amending the city building code to make it compatible with the 1996 Building Officials Conference of America (BOCA) model code. Among other changes, it will require corporate and out-of-state owners of rental property to designate a local agent.

**Liquor Licenses**

The city recently had a problem with a restaurant not obtaining a city liquor license, and found that there was no penalty provision in the city

code for failure to obtain the license. An ordinance was introduced to rectify the matter.

**Streets and Sidewalks**

Another ordinance was introduced to amend the city's street ordinance. Among changes proposed is one to include a penalty (\$250) for violating the regulation prohibiting the tracking of mud by vehicles onto city streets. Another will increase the fine against property owners who have hedges, shrubs and structures that obstruct sidewalks or streets from \$10 to \$50.

**Community Mediation Service**

When council established this service, it set a sunset provision to dissolve the service after three years. Staff is recommending that the service continue until council chooses to dissolve it and submitted a resolution to that effect which was introduced for first reading. All ordinances and resolutions introduced at this meeting are scheduled for final passage at the March 22 meeting.

**Personnel**

First presentations of changes to the job classification plan were submitted. Three positions are proposed to be upgraded and job descriptions modified — Building Maintenance Crew Leader, Foreman-General Crew, and Executive Secretary I in Finance. The Supervisory Inspector position is being upgraded. A new job description is being prepared for part time Park Ranger. Council requested clarification as to the employee's vehicle maintenance responsibilities (minor preventative maintenance only) and to emphasize the use of walking and bicycling for patrolling.

**Meetings**

Meetings set by council at the close of the meeting were: February 17, closed worksession on extension of Kenilworth Avenue followed by open worksession on changes to county bus system; February 24, with Maryland legislative delegation; March 3, possible meeting with Senator Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski and a representative from Congressmember Hoyer's office; and March 10, closed worksession on Greenbelt Station development followed by meeting with Greenbelt fire department personnel.

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Tropicana Pure Premium Grapefruit Juice	<b>\$2.12</b> 1/2 gal.	
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Royale Extra Paper Towels	<b>49¢</b> 64 sheet	
Lucky Leaf Regular Apple Juice	<b>1.09</b> 1/2 gal.	
Betty Crocker Tuna Helpers Asst.	<b>99¢</b> 8-9.2 oz.	
Franco American Gravy Asst.	<b>69¢</b> 10.2-10.5 oz.	
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Betty Crocker Stir 'N' Bake Cake-or- Brownie Mixes	<b>69¢</b> 10-12 oz.	
Gerber Baby 2nd Foods Asst.	<b>39¢</b> 4 oz.	
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# POLICE BLOTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Armed Robbery

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Feb. 2, 9:04 p.m., a deliveryman went to an address and knocked on the door several times. After receiving no answer, he exited the building to return to his vehicle. As he walked out of the building, a man approached him, pointed a silver handgun at him, and demanded his money. The victim complied, giving the robber his money, jacket, and the delivery bag. The robber then told the victim to run the other way. The victim ran until he located an officer in the area on patrol. An attempt to track the suspect with a police dog was unsuccessful due to the heavy volume of pedestrians in the area.

Riggs Bank at 7300 Hanover Parkway, Feb. 4, 7:50 a.m., an employee arrived to open the bank and was approached outside by a man. He displayed a silver handgun and demanded money. The employee had nothing to give him, and he took her into the bank. The alarm was activated and as officers responded, the man ran from the rear of the bank. He then entered a blue minivan operated by another man and fled the area. No one was injured, and the men escaped with only the victim's driver's license.

## Assault

10 block of Crescent Road, Feb. 1, 5:20 p.m., a 13-year-old male resident was involved in a dispute with three other teenage boys over a calculator. One of the boys struck the 13-year-old in the face and then threw him into a bush. Investigation is continuing.

## Drugs

5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, Jan. 30, 7:15 p.m., a 20-year-old male resident was arrested after officers went to his residence in response to a domestic violence report. Officers met with the victim, who told the officers that the man had assaulted her. The victim had clear marks of violence visible to the officers. She also told officers that he had a shotgun in the bedroom. Officers

arrested the man and were given consent by the victim to search the residence. A quantity of cocaine and paraphernalia to cut, package, and weigh it were found. The man was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

The Greenbelt Police Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for any of the unsolved crimes reported in the Greenbelt Police Blotter.

Marriott Hotel at 6400 Ivy Lane, Feb. 3, 10:54 p.m., a 35-year-old male nonresident was arrested after officers responded to a complaint of the odor of burning marijuana in the hallway. The officers located the room from which the odor was coming and after speaking with the occupant were given permission to enter the room. A quantity of marijuana packaged for sale was observed on a table. The man was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

## Burglary and Theft

7300 block of Morrison Drive, Jan. 30, 6:15 p.m., a citizen called to report that a person dressed in all dark clothing had attempted to get into his home by forcing a patio door. The glass in the door was broken during the attempt. The home owner turned on the lights, and the burglar fled towards the Brittany Place Apartments on foot. A canine track was initiated and ended in the parking lot of the apartment complex.

6500 block of Lake Park Drive, Feb. 1, 8:03 a.m., a building under construction was entered and a portable propane heating unit was reported stolen.

5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Feb. 1, 10:14 a.m., a storage closet in the basement of an apartment building was broken into and painting equipment was reported stolen.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Feb. 1, 1:11 a.m., a sliding glass door was broken out and U.S. currency was taken from a dresser in a bedroom.

9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, Feb. 2, 12:32 p.m., a woman reported that she was lying down in her bedroom and heard a knock at the front door. She did not answer the door. Approximately two minutes later, she heard a noise in the living room and went to see what had caused the noise. When she walked into the living room, she saw a man standing between the living room and dining room. The woman screamed and the man fled. The woman then saw the sliding glass door open and saw a second man climbing the railing to get out of her patio. The suspects are described as black and 18 years of age. One was 6'0" and 180 lbs., with a medium complexion and wearing a black and gray jacket and a black knit cap. The other was 5'6" and 250 lbs., with a light complexion and appearing clean-cut and wearing a blue jacket and blue jeans.

6400 block of Capitol Drive, Feb. 3, 1:45 p.m., two empty beer kegs were reported stolen from the loading dock area of a restaurant. The suspect is described as a white male in his mid-30's, 5'6", 150 lbs., with brown hair

and wearing a brown jacket. He was operating a white full-size Chevrolet van.

3 court of Ridge Road, Feb. 3, 3:58 p.m., a bicycle was reported stolen from the front yard of a residence. It was later returned to the owner by an officer.

## Vehicle Crimes

7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, Feb. 1, a gray 1997 Dodge Neon with Maryland tags DNV 100 was stolen.

6500 block of Capitol Drive, Feb. 3, a 1999 Cadillac Deville Concorde with no tags was stolen.

Greenway Shopping Center, Feb. 3, two 15-year-old male residents and a 14-year-old female resident were arrested after witnesses observed them entering and searching seven different vehicles. All three youths were released to their parents after being charged on juvenile petition.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of or from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall, 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, 9100 block of Edmonston Road, 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, 1 and 37 courts of Ridge Road, 12 court of Plateau Place, Lakeside Drive, Greendale Place, Maplewood Court, 7700 block of Hanover Parkway, and 7600 block of Ora Court.

## Wells Ice Rink Special Events

Visit the Herbert Wells Ice Rink, at 5211 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park, on Sunday, February 14, for Valentine's Day. Wear something red and ice skate from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1-3 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. The admission fee includes admission and skate rental.

Ice-n-Easy will be offered February 15. This program is a great way for children 6-12 years old to spend their day off from school. Ice-n-Easy Day offers a beginner ice skating lesson, sports, games, arts and crafts. Pre-registration is required and before and after-hours child care is available.

Celebrate Presidents' Day, February 15, from 12-2:15 p.m. or 2:30-4:30 p.m. and ice skate. The fee includes admission and skate rental.

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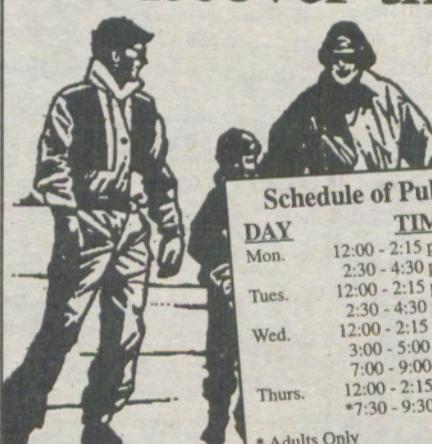
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Sunday, February 14, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, 1:00-3:00 PM, 3:30-5:30 PM OR 7:00-9:00 PM Valentine's Day Ice Skating Special

Wear something red and ice skate for a special rate. Fee: \$4/person/day for Bi-County and \$5.00/person/day for Non-Bi-County (includes admission & skate rental)

Monday, February 15, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

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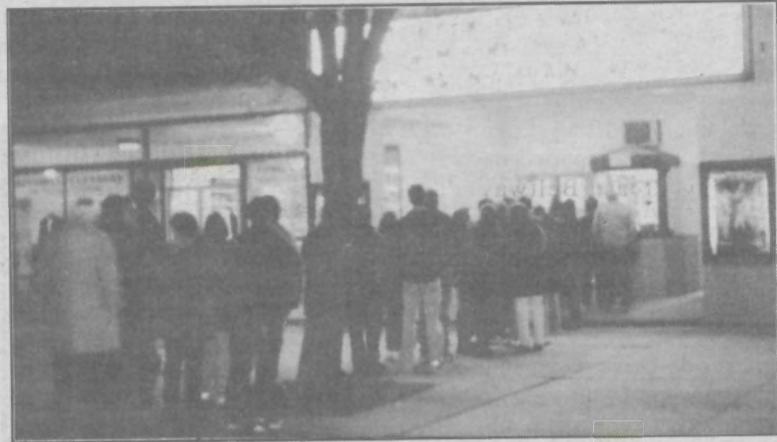
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## Hitchcock Films Continued To Draw Large Audiences

by Sam Johns

With the successful business generated by the first week of the Alfred Hitchcock festival, theater owner Paul Sanchez decided to give a second chance to those people who wanted to see the movies but didn't have the time by extending the festival another week. To sweeten the deal, the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre also added two movies to the slate for return moviegoers: the 1954 thriller "Dial 'M' for Murder" and perhaps the best "pure popcorn" movie ever done by Hitchcock (in this reporter's opinion), "To Catch a Thief."



Patrons have crowded the Old Greenbelt Theatre for the past two weeks to enjoy the five classic Alfred Hitchcock films.

-photo by Judy Nelson

Alfred Hitchcock was always a master of manipulating both the audience and the critics like a puppeteer would with his puppets. The best instance of this would be the two-year period during which Hitchcock made "Vertigo" and "North by Northwest." While "Vertigo" was a critical success, it was a flop at the box office, while the situation was reversed for "North by Northwest." Not until Hitchcock released "Psycho" was he able to please both sides of the film coin. This same argument can be made for "To Catch a Thief," a movie about a lot of money that made money, but was critically flat-tended.

### To Catch a Thief

The premise of "To Catch a Thief" is not exactly something that we haven't seen before. The movie, which stars Cary Grant and Grace Kelly, is a criminal "The Thin Man" set on the French Riviera. But that is what Hitchcock wanted this film to resemble. Hitchcock was always a fan of the William Powell/Myrna Loy series of films and wanted to do a film honoring them. Unfortunately, this is Hitchcock we're talking about, so these two aren't exactly the fine, upstanding citizens that Nick and Nora Charles are. They're two thieves hot on the trail of another thief/killer, not

well-known films. Hitchcock also refuses to stray from keeping Grant and Kelly the focal point of our attention by constantly shooting the two actors in close-up, so we can never avoid seeing the sort of spark that seems to ignite between the two.

As for how the spark gets to the point of ignition, that is left solely up to Grant and Kelly to see done, and do they ever succeed! The fire that seems to reside in each of these actor's bellies for making every scene work is rather remarkable to watch and experience. Grant and Kelly overcome a very weak, sexually-ambiguous-filled script to craft two characters that blaze on the screen like two stars shining in the night. Grant's nervous little twitches and shy demeanor harken back to his romantic movie past and Kelly, who is shot to the point of almost looking like a being existing only on an ethereal plane, is a perfect foil for Grant. It is easy to see why Hitchcock liked these two actors above all the great actors he worked with. They bring his movie to life better than anybody else probably could. Despite the critical lambasting this film took, it is considered one of Hitchcock's best films.



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## Friends Group Planning For Future of Theater

by Sam Johns

With the recent success of the Alfred Hitchcock film festival, the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater (FOGT) announced at their meeting on February 3 that they will be holding another film festival at the Greenbelt Theater starting on March 5. It will run until March 11. The theme of the festival, "The Fabulous Fifties," will consist of three films: "Jailhouse Rock," "The Night of the Hunter," and "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

With the next festival already set, the executive board, along with Greenbelt Theater owner Paul Sanchez, opened the floor to suggestions for future festival ideas. Although many people suggested an Indian film festival, the idea was quickly turned down by Sanchez. According to Sanchez, when he sold his theater in Laurel (the only theater showing Indian films in this area), he signed an agreement forbidding him from showing

Indian films for five years. Themes such as a "Star Wars" festival or a James Bond week in the summer were discussed.

### Art and Independent Films

Although many people in the audience came to offer their views on possible festival ideas, a few came to discuss the future of the theater itself. Many people in the audience were of the opinion that the theater should be either a showcase for art-house films or used strictly for retrospective festivals. Many members pointed out that the Greenbelt Theater is the only theater in the area that caters to art/independent films almost exclusively and that its admission price is better than the eight or nine dollars they spend for the same film in the Washington, DC area.

While Sanchez agreed with many of the members, he expressed concern about how the theater was going to make money if it switched exclusively to independent films. Sanchez pointed out the film "Gods and

Monsters," which he believed was one of the year's best, but didn't make money for him. Sanchez also pointed out that the hit "Shakespeare in Love" was coming to the theater on February 12, but in order to obtain rights to the film, he had to run it for three weeks. If he refused, Sanchez said he would have to wait at least two months before he would get the chance to show the film again.

After listening to his comments, the members and board together suggested that if the area was made more aware of what was coming to the theater each week, more of a crowd would come to see each movie. One possible solution for increasing awareness is the inclusion of a brief blurb about the movie in any of the local papers.

The board also announced formation of a survey committee that would conduct a survey among the members of the FOGT to find out each members' top ten movies of all-time. After the tabulation of votes, the FOGT plans on possibly showing a festival of the top vote-getters from the survey.



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No sign of illness strikes as much terror in a parent as fever. Most calls to health facilities are about fever. Most visits to doctors are because of fever. The most common ailment of children is some kind of febrile illness.

The most important rule to remember: FEVER IS A FRIEND! The body fights infection by raising its own temperature. Germs thrive in a nice, comfortable 98.6 degree F. environment. They die when the temperature is much higher. Hence when we perform heroic measures to bring the temperature down to normal, it's like tying a fighter's hands behind his back. Many doctors feel that moderately high temperatures (below 102 to 103) require no treatment beyond rest and plenty of liquids.

Here are some myths I would like you to abandon:

**Myth #1: FEVER IS TERRIBLE AND MUST BE REDUCED AT ALL COST!** Fever is a sign that the child has an infection, but he/she can fight the infection. His/her immune defenses are working.

**Myth #2: THE HIGHER THE FEVER, THE SICKER THE CHILD.** Wrong! Mildly ill children can have fevers of 106, and severely ill children with poor defenses (especially young premature babies) may not run a fever at all.

**Myth #3: NORMAL BODY TEMP. IS 98.6.** A curse on the person who invented the arrow that pointed to 98.6 on thermometers! Temps vary from morning to evening, phase of the menstrual cycle, person to person, child or adult, and where the thermometer is placed (rectal versus oral). I don't consider any temperature under 100 degrees to be a fever in a child.

**Myth #4: ALL FEBRILE CHILDREN SHOULD BE PUT ON ANTIBIOTICS.** This is the most pernicious myth of all. Antibiotics only work against bacteria but *not* against viruses. Over ninety percent of childhood diseases are caused by viruses, hence antibiotics do no good and can develop resistant organisms and create allergies in the host. Do *not* demand antibiotics from your doctor every time your child runs a fever.

**Myth #5: A VIRAL ILLNESS SHOULD NOT LAST MORE THAN A DAY.** Viral illnesses can last up to a week. Be patient, but keep in touch with your doctor, especially if the child gets worse.

**Myth #6: FEVER CAUSES BRAIN DAMAGE.** Fever, itself, will not cause brain damage. Even if a small child develops convulsions (seizures, fits) it will not result in any permanent harm, unless the underlying disease is severe enough to cause harm (e.g. meningitis, encephalitis, and such).

More harm has been done to febrile children by overanxious parents treating fever by heroic measures (e.g. alcohol baths, overdosing with aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen) than by fever itself. My advice to parents with a febrile child: first, check for other symptoms. Most commonly the child will have a runny or stuffy nose with mild cough, in which case the diagnosis is a cold. If the temperature is 102 to 105, give the child ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil) or acetaminophen (Tylenol). Give the proper dose: ibuprofen (10 milligrams per kilogram of body weight); acetaminophen (15 milligrams per kilogram). Above 105, especially if the child is lethargic, even I would get a little nervous. Call your doctor. If the fever lasts more than a week, and/or if the child looks or acts ill, or has dangerous symptoms (e.g. vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, strange rashes, blood from any orifice, convulsions) call your doctor or take the child to an emergency room.

(Dr. Aronfy has been practicing pediatric medicine in Prince George's County for 35 years. New patients are always welcome.)

## "Shakespeare in Love" At Greenbelt Theater

by Dorothy Sucher

One of the hottest movies of the current season is coming to the Greenbelt Theater on February 12 for a three-week run. The film is "Shakespeare in Love," directed by John Madden, which has been nominated for a dozen Academy Awards.

A surprise hit for a literate romantic comedy set in 1593 London, "Shakespeare in Love" has been attracting large audiences as well as critical acclaim. It stars Joseph Fiennes (brother of Ralph Fiennes of "The English Patient") as a dashing, ardent young Will Shakespeare, and the exquisite Gwyneth Paltrow as a stage-struck teen-age noblewoman.

Disguising herself as a man to pursue a career in the theater (in Elizabethan times, all the roles, male and female, were played on the stage by men), the Paltrow character meets the poet and is smitten. Sparks fly, while a stellar cast turns in a series of brilliant and amusing performances. Judi Dench (last seen by American audiences in "Mrs. Brown") is outstanding as Queen Elizabeth, and

Geoffrey Rush, Ben Affleck, and Colin Firth are also first-rate.

### Fanciful Plot

The settings and costumes are authentic, but the plot is a flight of fancy based on the premise that Shakespeare had a passionate love affair during a period in his life about which little is known—and that this turned him from a competent playwright into the immortal Bard of the English theater. The script by Marc Norman and John Stoppard is fast and witty, with many sly theatrical in-jokes.

In the film, the young Will Shakespeare is suffering from writer's block as he seeks to complete a play he has provisionally titled "Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate's Daughter."

Inky-fingered and jealous of his rival Christopher Marlowe, Will is inspired when he sees the Paltrow character, who is auditioning dressed as a boy.

By turns wicked, funny, romantic, and sensual, "Shakespeare in Love" is not to be missed. You'll come out of the theater smiling.

## Free Lacrosse Clinic for Kids

A Greenbelt based Lacrosse Club and the University of Maryland are sponsoring a free lacrosse clinic Saturday, February 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for boys ages 9 to 14 at the University fields off Azalea Lane. Prince George's Lacrosse Club (PGLC) fields three teams in the Southern Maryland Lacrosse Association, and plays and practices at Greenbelt Middle School. Jim Ulwick, a spokesperson for PGLC, said

the organization would like to see lots of Greenbelt kids come to the clinic. Maryland players will run the kids through passing and shooting drills in addition to instruction. Afterward, all are invited to stay and watch Maryland take on Georgetown in a pre-season scrimmage. PGLC's season starts in mid-March and runs through mid-May. For more information, contact Jim Ulwick at 301-927-7943.

## Heart Healthy Day At County Hospital

In recognition of National Heart Month, Prince George's Hospital Center will be providing free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, and Heart Healthy Lifestyle information during its Heart Month celebration on Thursday, February 18 from 2 - 5 p.m. in the Hospital's Pavilion Lobby. All are welcome to attend. For more information call 301-618-2449.

## Local Y2K Group Readies for Crisis

Most computers were designed to use two digits for the year, i.e., 99 for 1999. These computers may not be able to function with the 00 for 2000. This is the Year 2000 problem, Y2K. The Greenbelt Y2K Community Preparedness Group is helping prepare the community for possible disruptions caused by the Y2K problem.

No one can predict the level of disruptions that may occur due to Y2K or their duration, yet many agree that it is both prudent and wise to prepare. Both the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Red Cross have urged citizens and communities to prepare for Y2K. The group is working with local government, businesses, emergency agencies, and civic organizations to prepare for Y2K. Residents are invited to come to meetings to learn more about Y2K and how to get involved. They meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the dining hall of the Community Center. For more information call 301-614-8911 or 301-441-3809 or e-mail <srkane@earthlink.net>.

## Results Chapter Forming in City

by Luci Gorman

Residents of Greenbelt and surrounding areas met on January 22 to rebuild the Prince George's County-based chapter of RESULTS. They are concerned about the level of hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. Attendees learned of simple, cost-effective methods to fight malnutrition and disease. For example, there are microcredit programs to provide small loans to the poorest people so that they can start their own businesses and lift themselves out of poverty. Improved oral rehydration therapy to combat malnutrition is becoming more widespread, and has already prevented millions of child deaths. A twelve-minute video produced by UNICEF was shown. It dealt with the need to empower governments and people of the world to utilize these existing low-cost technologies.

RESULTS is an acronym for the Responsibility for Ending Starvation Using Legislation, Trimming, and Support. It is an international citizens' lobby whose purpose is to create the political will to end hunger. The term "trimtab," a small lever used to turn a large ship, is utilized in the group's name to promote its philosophy. The Greek mathematician Archimedes supposedly said that with the right lever, he could move the world.

In January, RESULTS' members called for the cancellation of international debts owed by the countries hardest hit by Hurricane Mitch, especially Nicaragua and Honduras. They believe that the limited resources of these countries should be invested in meeting the basic needs of people for health care, clean water, shelter, and other services.

Volunteers in Prince George's

County will meet once a month and connect to a national conference call to trade ideas and hear motivational speakers. The conference call will spur actions to be taken to broaden community awareness. Volunteers will write letters to editors and meet with their local elected officials. The next conference call will take place on Saturday, February 13, at Sandra Roberts' home on Northway. She invites all to come. RESULTS can be reached by calling 1-800-900-LEAD or, locally, via Sandra Roberts at 301-474-3506.



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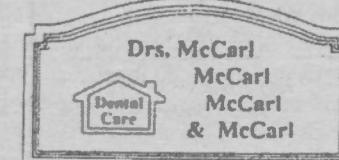
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## Greenbelter Joins in Trip to Help Costa Ricans

by Farinaz Firouzi  
(Greenbelt) and Sum  
Mehnnama (Northern Virginia)

There were nine of us, each ready to go from the materialistic society of the United States to the jungles of Costa Rica. Our purpose was to serve mankind and to help make a difference in a country that only one of us had ever been to. Among us were eight youth, ranging from 19-24 in age. We were from Greenbelt, local towns and other states. Traveling with us was one adult, the mother of one of these youth, from Rockville.

We left for Costa Rica in late December with one thing on our minds, service. We arrived in Costa Rica not even knowing who was meeting us at the airport, only knowing that he was a member of the Baha'i Faith, the religion that all of us professed. The Baha'i Faith encourages its followers to continually serve mankind. It is interesting how when a group of people decide to do something like this, everything just comes together. None of us even had the resources for such an undertaking, being students and recent graduates, but sure enough, on that December morning, we found ourselves at National Airport, checking in our own backpacks along with 10 other pieces full of clothes for the people in two remote villages in Costa Rica and two solar panels which would give them the electricity they needed.

### Adapting to the Culture

The first week was spent adapting to the culture of Costa Rica as well as beginning service and hardships. The first few days were spent at the Charles Walcott Institute for the Arts in Santa Ana. We were asked to assemble beds at the Institute, not only for our own use, but also for the use of students and other visitors to the Institute in the future. During the first three days, all the beds were assembled, the outside of the Institute was painted, and the garden in the backyard was tended to.

For nourishment, we were fed beans and rice for breakfast, lunch and dinner most everyday, which is a big change for a group traveling from the United States where the variety of food is quite large.

After the first week, the true work and service began. Our group of nine "gringos" was joined by several Costa Rican Youth as we traveled to the indigenous village of Talamanca, which

is on the northeastern coast of Costa Rica. It was a five-hour drive, followed by crossing a river for 20 minutes in a small, tipsy motored canoe. Then we had to hike for approximately 90 minutes before reaching the final destination.

The lodging was something that we had never seen in our lives. From the outside, their place of sleep could be described as "a hut on stilts," as the hut was about 3 or 4 feet above the ground in order to protect it against flooding. However, once we went inside, we noticed that the floor was not made out of normal wood, but out of tree bark. Afraid that we would fall through, we slowly made our way inside, only to find that the bark was amazingly unbreakable!

### "Assignment"

That night our group was told of our "assignment." We were to carry long wooden boards that weighed about 50 lb., on our shoulders and across the jungle for about 1-2 miles. Once all the wood was moved, construction on a building which would serve as a school for children and meeting place for adults would begin.

The carrying of the wood itself took nearly two days, and the entire third day was spent on construction. The villagers would help whenever they could, and would interact with us as much as they could. The bond that was formed between the villagers and our group was amazing! The language barrier that had existed at first was shattered in less than 24 hours. We were able to communicate through love much more than we did through our broken Spanish.

After four days in Talamanca, we had to leave. We bid the villagers farewell and headed back to the river again. Each of us vowed to do our best to return to this community once again.

We returned to Santa Ana at 8:30 that evening, washed our clothes by hand, and went to sleep, only to wake up at 3 a.m. to set out on our next journey. We had to catch a bus at 4:30 in the morning that would take us from Santa Ana to Ciudad Neily. Although that bus ride was eight solid hours long, we still had not reached our destination. We then took taxis for about an hour and a half to reach Conte, a town on the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica.

### The Final Leg of Trip

After spending the night in Conte, we began the final leg of our trip at 3:30 that afternoon. The

## Open House Planned for Nursery School

Celebrating 58 years of service to Greenbelt area children, the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten, Inc. (GNS&K) announces its annual open house Saturday, February 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., for parents and children interested in the opportunities of cooperative early childhood education. GNS&K is now accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year for its fully accredited cooperative education programs for children ages 2 to 6.

GNS&K offers morning and afternoon nursery school programs, an accredited half-day morning kindergarten, and extended day options. GNS&K provides early care beginning at 7:30 a.m. and after care continuing until 6 p.m.

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The GNS&K curriculum follows guidelines set for developmentally appropriate practices by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Interested parents are encouraged to schedule a visit during school hours prior to attending the Open House. For further information, or to schedule a visit, please call 301-474-5570.



The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey is conducted in these Mobile Examina-

tion Centers which feature state-of-the-art technology. The study is coming soon to PG county.

## Major Health Survey Set For County

### by Dorothy Sucher

You are what you eat — or are you? That's what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention want to know. Their 37th Annual Health and Nutrition Survey will be taking place from January 25 to April 17, and Prince George's County is one of only fifteen counties across the country that will be surveyed this year. Approximately 450 people in the county will be asked to participate.

The annual survey, a project of

the U.S. Public Health Service, includes a detailed interview and a physical examination. Participants will receive compensation.

The interview includes demographic, dietary, and health-related questions. The findings will be used to determine the prevalence of major diseases and risk factors for diseases.

People of all ages will be sampled, but special emphasis will be on adolescent health and the health of older Americans. Households in the survey receive a let-

ter from the director of the National Center for Health Statistics.

Past surveys have provided data to create the growth charts used nationally by pediatricians to evaluate children's growth. Data on blood lead were used to develop policies to eliminate lead from gasoline and in food cans. Past surveys have also led to the development of programs emphasizing diet and exercise, to counteract the increasing trend toward obesity. For more information telephone 301-436-8500.

village we were going to this time was called Progresso, and to get there we would have to hike over five miles up and down the mountains of the beautiful country. However, we set out on our hike too late, as darkness set upon us about halfway through our hike. Combined with the rain that had been falling on us nearly the whole time, the journey was not an easy one to say the least. After nearly four hours of hiking, we reached our place of sleep for the next eight days. When we arrived, we were caked with mud and smelled horrible.

In our eight days in Progresso, we did much manual labor, including carrying more wooden boards. However, there was more variety to our work this time. We cleaned up hazardous wood and metal from the soccer field of a local school. This was much appreciated as it was not safe for the children to play on that field. We also used machetes to cut grass that was nearly three feet tall, and we fixed a good part of a path that was very dangerous, and had already claimed several casualties in both humans and horses.

However, before we could blink our eyes, our time in Progresso and in Costa Rica was done. We returned to Santa Ana and packed our things, slept in the Institute one last night before we left in the morning to return home. The three weeks that we spent in Costa Rica changed each one of us radically. Our eyes were opened to another part of the world where people are not as fortunate as us. And although we may have not been the best manual laborers, we made a difference in the hearts of those we served, just as they made a huge difference in ours.

How can I describe the kindness we were shown? The patience people had with our reactions to our new environment? The hospitality that people who had never seen us before would show us was out of this world. They invited us into their homes, homes which often didn't have anything we would call necessities, interrupting whatever it was they were doing at the time, and offered us refreshing drinks that they had prepared themselves from the fruits near their homes.

They showed us that making a person feel welcome very often has nothing to do with how much you give but with how you give. No longer does the excuse, "let those who can, help," bear any validity in my eyes. When someone without anything gives of himself completely to another, regardless of what the person receiving the assistance has already, it's the magic of humanity at work, and it is just what a world like ours can use to heal.

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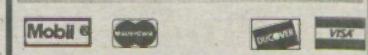
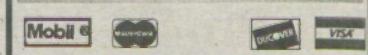
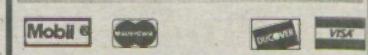
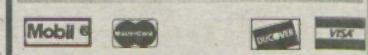
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## Production of "42nd Street" Brings Standing Ovation

by Nelda Young

"42nd Street" brought forth a standing ovation from a capacity audience at its opening performance Friday night, February 5, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

This familiar musical, produced by Roosevelt's theater department, starred Brian Ernest as Julian Marsh, the autocratic director of the fictional play "Pretty Lady." His solo in the finale, in which he sang the title number in tux, top hat, and cane, was the high point of an entertaining evening.

Kristen Silvestro, a senior thespian, convincingly portrayed the aging, spoiled star, Dorothy Brock. She drew laughs with her stubborn refusal to follow the direction of Julian Marsh.

Alternately shy and brassy, Melissa Coleman played a key role as Peggy, the talented young dancer who stepped in to save the show, "Pretty Lady," after Dorothy Brock broke her ankle.

### Crucial Kiss

In an attempt to get the show ready to open on Broadway in thirty-six hours, director Marsh announced, "We are going to have either a live star or a dead chorus girl." Peggy was certain it would be the latter. March demonstrated to Peggy the delivery of a passage which ended with a kiss. Flustered by the kiss, Peggy first read the line in a squeaky little voice; following the second kiss, her voice reached middle tones; the third kiss produced a Peggy who sounded like Marlene Dietrich. The audience roared with laughter.

### Volunteers Needed

The University of Maryland's ESOL Conversion Program is looking for volunteers to hold discussion groups with international students during the spring semester (Feb. 22 - May 7). Contact the Counseling Center's Learning Assistance Service at 301-314-7696 for more information.

### Free Lacrosse Clinic!

On Saturday, February 13, 1999 from 11:00 to 1:00 the University of Maryland and Prince George's Lacrosse Club will hold a free lacrosse clinic for boys aged 9-14 at the University practice field on Azalea Lane. Players from Maryland's #2 ranked team will work with boys on passing, shooting, dodging and other skills. PGCL plays and practices at Greenbelt Middle School, and invites all Greenbelt boys to play this Spring. Come out and learn about this great sport!

## ARTS CENTER

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Jonathan Glickman neatly tied the production's beginning and ending together.

The cast is experienced. Cooney performed in Greenbelt's famed "Maryland Special Project #1." He also had the lead role in GAC's 1997 one act play, "The Lesson" by Eugene Ionesco. Twenty year theater veteran, Fairhurst has acted all over the east coast and has recently focused on directing. She not only acted in the "Grand Prize," she also directed it. Weaver and her husband Glickman played the lead roles in NASA's Music and Drama (MAD) club's recent production "Music Man." Wibbe appeared in one of GAC's 1997 one act plays, "12 Pound Look." He also directed last year's "Man for All Seasons."

The cast is now starting to prepare for April's ESTA competition. If the April production is anything like their recent performance, it will be a real crowd winner. As one audience member said, "That play sure was funny."

## College Fair to Be At Landover Mall

Landover Mall and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) will host the Fifth Annual College Fair, February 18-20 at Landover Mall. Representatives from more than 60 predominantly black colleges and universities will share information on higher education with attendees during the event. Students and parents will have an opportunity to discuss their educational needs with representatives of colleges and universities. In addition, seminars will be held on admissions procedures, standardized test requirements, financial aid, student and fraternity/sorority life and sports recruitment. The three-day fair

## Scholarships Offered In Health Care Field

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